



May 29, 2015

To: Executive Board

Subject: **Request for Proposals (RFP) - Environmental Consultant - Mt. SAC Transit Center Project**

Recommendation

Authorize the Executive Director to Issue RFP No. 15-065 seeking proposals to provide environmental consulting services as necessary in connection with the development of a Transit Center to be located in the Mt. SAC campus.

Analysis

The Mt. SAC Transit Center will be partially funded by federal grants and as such Foothill Transit must adhere to the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and prepare appropriate documentation in order to obtain environmental clearance from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Similarly, environmental reviews and the preparation of appropriate documentation will be required to comply with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Foothill Transit intends to contract with an environmental consultant or consultants who will be responsible for preparing appropriate environmental documents, including the completion of a traffic analysis to comply with NEPA and CEQA. The consultant will examine potential environmental impacts of the proposed project and the potential level of the significance of the impacts before and after mitigation. The consultant will also identify the type of environmental clearance documentation required by the Federal and State statutes. The consultant, either directly or under a subcontract, will conduct a traffic analysis to determine what if any significant impacts will result from any new traffic generated by the project and, if appropriate, recommend physical and/or operational improvements necessary to accommodate those traffic impacts.

Budget Impact

The direct costs to initiate this RFP process are minimal and primarily require staff time. Foothill Transit's fiscal year 2015-2016 Business Plan includes funding for the Mt. SAC Transit Center.

Sincerely,

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